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Worse Than Before

The WHIG imagines & detects inconsistency to select a mild term in our present position, and then to make a retreat over the result of the September election. Now we have never said that we believed bribery was practiced to any appreciable extent in that election. There was no intent to it. It was an act of election. The opposition, however, has not made a vigorous fight as usual. We believe that the vote polled was as full and free expression of public opinion as any ever polled in the State. But because we admit this we do not believe that the almighty dollar is never a factor in our political contests. We know better than that and we do. The WHIG—Keenest Journal.

Our contemporary reminds us of the man who tried to lift himself up by pulling upon his bootstraps and as a result only succeeded in sinking a little deeper. It gives us an exhibition of special pleading, but instead of improving its position, appears even at a worse advantage, as the above only serves to show how impossible it is to reconcile its recent appeal for a full and free expression of popular opinion with its attitude in the past. As a weak make-shift it apparently apologizes for having endorsed the verdict of 1850 as reflecting the unbiased opinion of the people on the ground that it was an off year and consequently there was no incentive to practice fraud. This we regard as an inexcusable insult to the people of the State, but as it is the best the Journal can offer in explanation of its peculiar course let us note that point for a moment and see about the consistency of the explanation.

There was an election in 1888 and it was no off year. Mr. Burleigh was then a candidate for the first time. His majority over the Democratic candidate was 13,063. We have not the files of the Journal at hand but we respectfully request our contemporary to quote a line from its columns at that time indicating that in its judgment the Republican verdict reflected anything but the "full and free expression of popular opinion." On the other hand in 1888, just as in 1890, the Journal was wildly enthusiastic over the honest verdict of the people of Maine. This being the fact, and we challenge contradiction, we repeat that if the Journal was dealing fairly with its readers then, it is now misleading them when it argues in favor of the secret closed system of voting as necessary to a full and free expression of popular opinion in the State. The Journal did not and no power on earth could have induced it to impeach the verdict as registered at the polls when Gov. Burleigh was a candidate for the honorable position to which THE WHIG contends he has twice been called by the Journal and by 4/5 vote of the people.

Neither does our contemporary help its case by attributing false statements to THE WHIG. We have nothing to take back in relation to the election of 1880. The attempt to impeach an electoral system that has been in successful operation for so many years because fraud was triumphed in a single contest, fraud against which the Australian ballot would have been a powerful tool, is proved in Canada in the last elections of Montana a year or two ago, is poor and only shows the desperate straits to which our contemporary is reduced. THE WHIG has not contended that our elections are absolutely free from abuses, and the Journal cannot quote a line in support of its assertion. THE WHIG has taken exactly the same stand maintained by the Hon. J. Marchant Hayes when he appeared before the committee and said:

An experience of many years in the political affairs of the State leads me to believe that the ballot in Maine is as pure as in any State in this great Union.

It will be noticed that Mr. Hayes does not make any distinction between the off years and the Presidential years but says we have as pure a ballot as any State, not even exceeding those states that have adopted the importation from Australia. This is the position of THE WHIG, and it is today the position taken by more than two-thirds of the Republicans in the House who represent the preponderance of Republican sentiment in the State. In this connection we desire to call attention to the fact that in its new born zeal for this kangaroo system, the Journal admits to its columns an extract from the New York Press, a paper that but comparatively few people in the State ever heard of, in which we find the following:

The opposition to the ballot was from the element of the party which discredit and disgrace it.

In view of the fact that seventy-four Republicans in the House voted against it, to my notion of the leading and influential members of the party in every section of the State who are opposed to this legislation, we submit that the appearance of such a blunder in the columns of the official State paper, a paper that has just been awarded the State prize by the vote of these same members of the House, is an outrage upon decency that calls for a prompt and ample retraction. Unhappily as it is to reconcile the inconsistency of its utterances the Journal still has a right to gratuitously insult the great mass of Republicans, who are honorably opposing the proposed law on the very ground that we already have as pure a ballot as any State in the country.

An Infamous Slander.

By the narrow margin of 74 to 71 an Australian ballot reform bill has been defeated in the lower branch of the Maine Legislature. This may be an temporary defeat. But it is a disgraceful snub to such a staunchly Republican State ballot reform should meet with a check. Two other States have adopted laws similar to the Australian ballot in Maine, and the passage of which would be easily and exactly one-half the states in this noble and noble reform. The opposition to the bill was from elements of the party which discredit and disgrace it. Fortunately the party, whose organization is centralized so firmly, is but the result of the action of the great majority of the organizations that make up the ticket in Maine. We have little serious effect except locally. The Republican party is for honest ballots everywhere.

The above paragraph from the New York Press is being circulated by the Democratic and Republican papers in this

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STATEMENT.

UNITED STATES BRANCH.

Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society.

NORWICH, CONNECTICUT.

DECEMBER 31, 1890.

ASSETS

Bonds owned by the Society, (marks)

Value of Bonds and Mortgages, (first)

Handy

Capital in Bank

Surplus

Interest

Re-insurance due on Bonds paid

LIABILITIES

Capital Issues

Re-insurance Reserve

All other Items

Surplus

Interest

Handy

Interest

Arrangement of Train
In Effect DECEMBER 26, 1882.
Until further notice trains will be as follows:

GOING EAST.
6.45 A. M.—For St. Stephen, Arrowsic, St. John and all points East of B. & P. 7.30 A. M.—For Oldtown and B. & P. 11.30 A. M.—For Oldtown and B. & P. 12.30 P. M.—Mixed for Oldtown and B. & P. 1.30 P. M.—For Oldtown and B. & P. 2.30 P. M.—For Oldtown and B. & P. 7.30 P. M.—Such express train for Woods Hole, Boston, New Haven, New York, sleeping car for St. John, etc.

GOING WEST.
7.30 A. M.—Fast Express, 1000, 1100, 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800, 1900, 2000, 2100, 2200, 2300, 2400, 2500, 2600, 2700, 2800, 2900, 3000, 3100, 3200, 3300, 3400, 3500, 3600, 3700, 3800, 3900, 4000, 4100, 4200, 4300, 4400, 4500, 4600, 4700, 4800, 4900, 5000, 5100, 5200, 5300, 5400, 5500, 5600, 5700, 5800, 5900, 6000, 6100, 6200, 6300, 6400, 6500, 6600, 6700, 6800, 6900, 7000, 7100, 7200, 7300, 7400, 7500, 7600, 7700, 7800, 7900, 8000, 8100, 8200, 8300, 8400, 8500, 8600, 8700, 8800, 8900, 9000, 9100, 9200, 9300, 9400, 9500, 9600, 9700, 9800, 9900, 10000, 10100, 10200, 10300, 10400, 10500, 10600, 10700, 10800, 10900, 11000, 11100, 11200, 11300, 11400, 11500, 11600, 11700, 11800, 11900, 12000, 12100, 12200, 12300, 12400, 12500, 12600, 12700, 12800, 12900, 13000, 13100, 13200, 13300, 13400, 13500, 13600, 13700, 13800, 13900, 14000, 14100, 14200, 14300, 14400, 14500, 14600, 14700, 14800, 14900, 15000, 15100, 15200, 15300, 15400, 15500, 15600, 15700, 15800, 15900, 16000, 16100, 16200, 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